

Local Education Agency
Ad Hoc Workgroup Meeting
March 7, 2007 Meeting Summary

Location: Sacramento City Unified School District

ATTENDEES:

	Name	Organization/Title
1.	Liz Touhey	CDHS, Medi-Cal Benefits Branch
2.	Barbara Schultz	CDHS, Medi-Cal Benefits Branch
3.	Carol Massey-McCants	CDHS, Medi-Cal Benefits Branch
4.	John DiCecco	Los Angeles Unified School District (USD)
5.	Laura Baynham	Mendocino County Office of Education (COE)
6.	Cathy Bennett	Sacramento City USD
7.	Susan Bier	Konocti USD
8.	Margie Bobe	Los Angeles USD
9.	Sherry Purcell	Los Angeles USD
10.	Cynthia White-Piper	San Bernardino City USD
11.	Anysia Drumheller	Butte COE
12.	Barbara Miller	Fresno COE
13.	Diane Torna	Fresno USD
14.	Christine Mott	Fresno USD
15.	Sue Hamblin	Stanislaus COE
16.	Judy Holzapfel	Glenn COE
17.	Michelle Cowart	Contra Costa COE
18.	Kevin Harris	Navigant Consulting Inc.
19.	Gloria Eng	Navigant Consulting Inc.
20.	Marlana Evans	Navigant Consulting Inc.

Handouts

Each participant received a folder with copies of the following: Agenda, Status Report Summary for October 2006 through January 2007, and Navigant Consulting's PowerPoint presentation.

Purpose

The meeting was convened by the CDHS in partnership with LAUSD. The purpose of the Workgroup is to improve the Local Educational Agency (LEA) Program. The emphasis of the meeting is to strategize various goals and activities aimed at enhancing the Medi-Cal services provided on school sites and access by students to these services, while increasing federal reimbursement to LEAs for the cost of providing these services.

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Update on Audits and Investigations Audit Findings

The Workgroup sent a letter to Audits and Investigations (A&I) addressing some of the LEA findings in the Medi-Cal Payment Error Study completed by A&I, Medical Review Board. A&I was responsive to the letter and participated in a conference call with CDHS and Workgroup representatives to discuss LEA audit issues. A&I will provide guidance to help prepare LEAs for audit and documentation production. In addition, A&I is working to clarify the procedures and processes for LEAs to respond to and contest audit findings.

Action:

What: E-mail Workgroup members the letter sent to A&I.

Who: John DiCecco

When: Not Specified

Action:

What: Meeting with A&I to discuss Payment Error Study and other LEA audit issues.

Who: CDHS, A&I, Laura Baynham, Cathy Bennett, Margie Bobe, and Barbara Miller

When: Tentatively scheduled April 4, 2007

Regulations Update

CDHS and Navigant Consulting continue to work with the Office of Regulations to incorporate feedback and necessary changes into the proposed regulations. The proposed regulations package will update State regulations to reflect the new program changes as a result of SPA 03-024. CDHS sought feedback from the Workgroup on the operational differences between the use of the terms "IDEA" and "Non-IDEA" services and "IEP/IFSP" and "Non-IEP/IFSP" services. This feedback was necessary to clarify the proposed regulation text relating to the Cost and Reimbursement Comparison Schedule (CRCS). In addition, the CRCS forms will reflect the terms used in the regulation text.

Claims Processing Issues

CDHS and Navigant Consulting met with PSD/EDS on February 22, 2007 to review and discuss the claims processing issues. Navigant Consulting reviewed the resolved and outstanding issues with the Workgroup. Outstanding claims processing issues were discussed by category: issues in process of being resolved, issues requiring additional PSD/EDS research, and issues awaiting CDHS policy direction. In addition, the Erroneous Payment Correction (EPC) process was discussed with the Workgroup. The Workgroup expressed concerns regarding the vulnerability for LEAs that are not aware of the claims processing issues. The Workgroup suggested an official provider notice be distributed to LEAs by CDHS.

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Action:

What: Provide CDHS with continued feedback of paid claims issues and errors.

Who: Workgroup

When: Ongoing

Action:

What: Continue discussions with PSD/EDS to resolve outstanding claims processing issues.

Who: CDHS and Navigant Consulting

When: Ongoing

Action:

What: Discuss options for distributing an LEA provider letter notifying LEAs of the claims processing issues.

Who: CDHS

When: ASAP

CMS Retroactive Claims Adjustment Methodology Update

CDHS is in discussions with CMS regarding potential retroactive claim adjustment methodologies and reporting requirements with CMS for LEA claims submitted between the effective date (4/1/03) and implementation date of SPA 03-024 (7/1/06). CDHS is currently assessing potential options and working with CDHS executive management to address this issue.

Third Party Liability (TPL) and Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) Update

CDHS and the TPL division are currently researching and reviewing pay and chase issues, TPL and potential FAPE violations. Additional information and clarification will be forthcoming.

Future Workgroup Meeting

The next Workgroup meeting for CDHS and providers will be held in Sacramento on May 2, 2007.